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Dear Sirs.

Thank you for the precise examination of the patent I require from your office, and all my apologies to be so late to answer.

The principal reason of that was a surgical cancer operation I had to support and which obliged me to be out of my office during a long time. Being now an independant researcher and working alone, nobody informed me concerning the reply period of 2 months you required on your letter dated of 10.06.2003!

Above that, my attention was diverted due to a first false reply of your office I am joining (doc 1), informing me of your acceptance of the patent and after that, unfortunatly I thought the next letters, I received from my attorney, were concerning Europe and I classified them in standby...

As a first proof of my intention to quickly reply to your examination, may I join herewith a first draft (doc 2) of my reply to your specif N° 3 and may I ask you the benefit of a prolongation for my reply, you would be so comprehensive to allow.

With my best thanks again, I remain truly yours.

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